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Questions Continue In Restructuring's Wake

from *The ARRL Letter* – April 15 has come and gone, but the flow of questions about Amateur Radio “restructuring” has only slowed somewhat in the intervening days. ARRL-VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, says the most common question these days is: “When can I expect to see my new license grant from the FCC?”

“The answer we give is three to four weeks from the test date, possibly sooner,” Jahnke said. As a result of April 15-16 weekend testing and upgrade processing, the ARRL-VEC anticipates seeing 10,000 or more license applications over the next week or so. “We had some 250 sessions scheduled for April 15, and they average perhaps 50 applicants at each,” Jahnke explained.

“Based on gut feelings and a crystal ball, we conceivably could now have 10,000 new Generals and 5000 new Extras hitting the airwaves at roughly the same time,” Jahnke speculated. That’s just based on the first day or two of upgrading and testing under the new rules.

Other burning questions have had to do with operating privileges. Several callers have wondered if Technicians who pass the 5 WPM Morse code test (Element 1) may then operate on the Novice bands. The answer is yes. Such licensees no longer get a new license class—it would have been Tech Plus under the old rules—but they have the same privileges as current Tech Plus licensees.

At present, while such Element 1 credit provides new privileges for the term of the license, the credit—at least for now—is only good for 365 days for upgrading purposes. The League has petitioned the FCC to make Element 1 credit permanent.

The FCC last week made it clear that General class operators may not operate on the Advanced class subbands, however.

Other callers have wondered if they may use a Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination—CSCE—for an “old” amateur examination element under the new rules. In most cases, as long as the CSCE is not older than 365 days, it is still valid for equivalent element credit. For example, a Technician holding a CSCE for the “old” Element 3B (General written) may upgrade upon passing Element 1, the 5 WPM Morse code test, provided the CSCE is no older than 365 days. “An unexpired CSCE for Element 3B is valid for the new Element 3,” explained Brennan Price, N4QX, the newest member of ARRL Field and Educational Services. In

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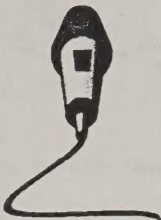
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President's Corner



Being President of the Fort Wayne Radio Club has given me a new sense of appreciation for the amount of effort that it takes to run an organization of this stature. Many members may never know what goes on behind the scenes to make the club run as smoothly as it does. People power is what the club runs on, and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank just a few of those people for their on going contributions. Here goes:

AL BURKE: Al has been the secretary of the club for at least three years that I know of. He is also a past president of the club. The importance of good recording of the club's business is often overlooked, but without it the focus of the workings of the club would quickly turn to chaos.

CAROLE BURKE: Currently a board member, Carole (...with an 'e'..) has also been secretary of the club in past years. She also lends her talents to the YLRL.

BOB STREETER: Bob is the club treasurer. Keeping track of the club's money is an important task that many would find to be too dry and boring. Bob has done an excellent job of keeping us many dB above the noise, and we are thankful for his work.

VIC GUESS: After seeing the mediocre job that some other clubs do on their newsletters, I am really glad that we have Vic doing the HAM NEWS, and previously, the HAMSPLATTER. Vic's work produces a newsletter that we can all be proud of.

JIM PLIETT & CARL RITTENHOUSE: Both past presidents, these guys keep the club repeaters in good operating condition. Basically a "technical committee" in themselves, we rarely think about them because the repeaters run so smoothly.

DAVE EVANS: Dave is another contributor to the health of the club's repeater systems.

BILL HALL: A past president and past board member, Bill is one of the omnipresent "behind the scenes" type of guys who is always there to lend a hand or an opinion. It is great to have the guidance of a seasoned ham like Bill.

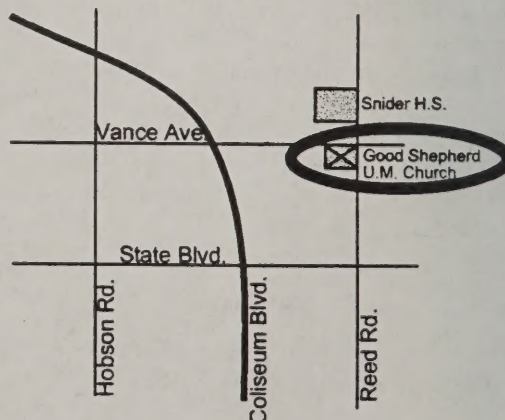
BILL STOCKSLAGER: Bill is our most recent "past president". His hard work over the past two years has been highly appreciated, and we will miss his contributions.

These are just a few of the people that have put forth their talents for the Radio Club. There are many more too numerous to mention, but I will try to include them in future editorials. Of special importance are the club members themselves, who make the club through their participation and/or

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Spring Banquet

Friday, May 12, 2000, 6:30 PM
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, corner of Vance Ave. & Reed Rd.
Note change of week and time.



Fort Wayne Radio Club Meeting Minutes 14 April 2000

The April meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held on 14 April 2000 at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, president Steve Nardin presiding. There were about 25 attendees.

The minutes from the March meeting were read and there were no corrections.

Bob Streeter gave the Treasurer's report. As of 14 April 2000 the club had realized income of \$1792.45 and expenses of \$774.72. It had \$55.86 in cash and \$7098.02 in Savings and Checking. Total club assets were \$11488.38 including the estimated value of club property.

Steve Nardin announced that plans are afoot for the Spring Banquet. It will occur on 12 May starting at 06:30 p.m. and will be a total carry-in affair except for drinks and tableware which will be provided by the club. Steve noted that Jim Pliett had lined-up columnist Nancy Nall of the News Sentinel as the featured speaker.

Steve announced that plans were in place for the use of the Girl Scout camp for Field Day. We don't know yet if we will have the cabin (as in last year), or will be given the lodge. In either case we get the site for \$160.00 (a really good deal if we get use of the lodge). The expenditure of \$160.00 was placed on the floor for approval, and was voted in the affirmative.

Steve discussed the Radio Club Workshop that he attended in Indianapolis. He was the lone representative from Ft. Wayne. About 30 people attended and they were divided into six workshops that brainstormed various ideas focused upon increasing membership and participation in Amateur Radio clubs. Steve's group discussed recruitment, club p.r. and activities that might attract additional membership. Steve intends to prepare a written report on the meeting for publication in a forthcoming Hamsplatter.

Steve also attended the Spring IRCC meeting in Kokomo. He noted it had very weak attendance; only ten people showed-up.

In order to fill a recent vacancy on the Board of Directors, Steve opened the floor for nominations. Mike Stein was nominated and agreed to run. As there were no other volunteers the members present voted to elect Mike to the Board by acclamation. Congratulations Mike.

Bob Streeter noted that so far the action to combine the FWRC and ACARTS newsletters into a single publication appears to be saving the Club about \$11.00 per month in publication expenses. This would equate to a savings for the Club of about \$130.00 a year if the trend continues.



Cliff Shreve reported that his Funds Raising Committee is developing a survey that they propose we send to the local Ham community in order to find out what the population would like to see in the way of activities, attractions, programs, etc. The logic being that if we can provide the Ham community with what they want from the Club, then we should be able to increase Club membership and involvement in activities and hence improve the cash flow. The method of sending the survey out (mailing, mailing with a SASE, etc.) needs to be debated and decided by the Board of Directors.

Bill Hall reported that his Membership Committee (so far consisting of Bill and Mike Stein) was developing several ideas to help bolster membership. Initial ideas include forming a (prospective/inactive) member calling tree, initiating a Meet & Greet contest at Club meetings, developing a Membership Recruitment letter targeted at regular repeater users, former members, and perhaps at local Hams grouped by zip codes, and finally a membership recruitment contest. Carl Rittenhouse noted that the last winter Foxhunt occurred the first Sunday in April and was the last Sunday Foxhunt until the Fall. Carl was the Fox and hid out at River Haven with a tricky reflector made up of aluminum siding. While he didn't mention whether this clever bit of technical skullduggery was successful in keeping him from being discovered, he did note that Vic, N9GK was the current Foxhunt point leader. The summer Foxhunt season will feature hunts starting from the Builders Square parking lot on Lima Road just north of I-69 and will occur on the first Monday of the month beginning in May and starting at 6:30pm.



Following the business meeting Al Burke gave a presentation on the Allen County Building Code (Tower Committee) status.

Respectfully submitted

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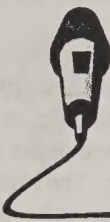
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President's Message



The April general meeting was our annual spring banquet. It was well attended and a good time was enjoyed by all. The food at Old Country Buffet was good as usual. The program was presented by the Samaritan Helicopter group from Parkview Hospital. The speaker told us about the helicopter operation and the trauma center at Parkview.

A reminder that starting this month, the **general meeting will change to the 4th Tuesday**. This is necessary because of the construction that will be taking place this summer at Turnstone. The board meeting will remain on the 2nd Tuesday.

Some people may have been experiencing problems getting into the repeaters. We are working on the problem. The station manager, Doug Jones N9NNT is in the process of locating new antennas for the repeaters. As soon as we find a source for those antennas and other needed hardware, we will schedule a time for the installation. Stay tuned to the newsletter for further details. That's all for this month.

73 Vic KA9LTV

May Meeting Schedule

All meetings are at 7:30 PM at Turnstone unless otherwise noted.

Board Meeting: Tues. 5/9/00 All members are encouraged to attend.

General meeting: Tues. 5/23/00 - (Note change of week!)

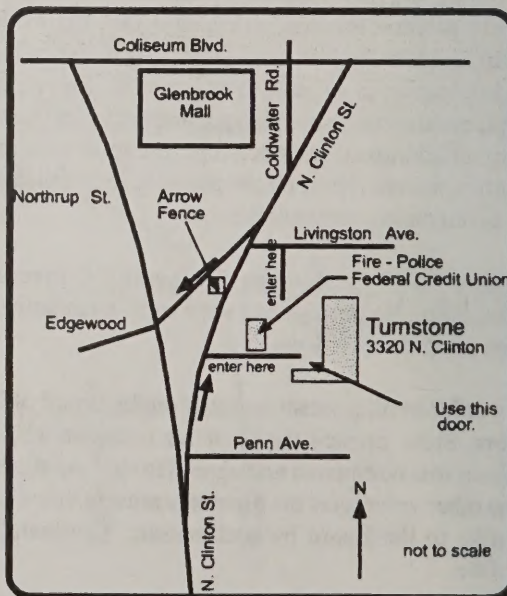
Tech Committee: Wed. 5/24/00 7:00 PM - Everyone is welcome. (Note change of week!)

New ARRL FCC Rule Book

from *The ARRL Letter* - New edition of The ARRL's FCC Rule Book available: The rules have changed significantly, and The ARRL's FCC Rule Book (12th Ed) reflects the realities of the regulatory world. Edited by John Hennessee, N1KB, The FCC Rule Book incorporates the complete text of Part 97, including all changes that became effective on April 15, 2000. It has details on license restructuring and everything you'll ever need to know about the Universal Licensing System (at least until the FCC changes it) plus RF exposure guidelines and other technical standards. There's also a greatly enhanced chapter on repeaters, crossband operation and linking. The ARRL's FCC Rule Book is \$12. Order Item 7857. Visit ARRLWeb or call toll-free 888-277-5289.

Mir Back On Ham Radio

from *The ARRL Letter* - Ian Coots, VK3YIC, reports the Russian Mir space station was on the air working VK stations April 13 on 2 meter FM simplex (145.985 MHz). The operator identified variously as R0MIR and U8MIR. "Your signal 59, very nice. Thank you for contact. 73. Bye!" the Russian-accented operator told one VK station in an audio clip Coots provided. Several other stations were worked or heard calling.



ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes - 4/11/00

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV at about 7:45 PM.

There was a report on the boy scout troop that wanted to get involved in ham radio, but we learned that the troop was disbanding. A similar opportunity may arise in the near future.

Station Manager report by Doug, N9NNT. The new cavities have been installed and the APRS system in back on the air, sharing an antenna with the 88 repeater. This seems to have caused a slight degradation in receive sensitivity on 88, and a preamp may be added to compensate. The 255 repeater will be down in the near future, as there appears to be a receiver problem. The power amplifier will be brought back up to spec while the repeater is down (it has been running 20 watts out versus 60 watts for at least 8 months). Antenna work is being scheduled for the near future to replace the bad antenna/feedline jumper at 375 feet. The W9INX-1 (FWA) NETROM WAN digipeater is back on the air on 145.01.

Hamfest report by Jim, KB9IH. He got the Coliseum to correct the 2005 hamfest dates, but in the process they changed 2004, which they shouldn't have. The hamfest always sets up on the 46th Friday of the year. He will proceed with Round II of the corrections.

Treasurers report by Howard, N9ADS. Howard noted that we made our annual \$300 contribution to the Community Harvest food bank recently instead of at the end of the year, since they had an outside benefactor offering matching money for a short time period.

Secretaries report by Don, WB8HQS. Asked for comments on the web site. Passed around for comments a regional repeater map he created that will be added to the clubs web site. Noted that we had 168 paid members. Noted that a reminder email about the banquet will be sent shortly.

Activities Manager report by John, N9IYL. John commented that everything is set for the banquet and it's program, and that reservations are rolling in.

From the floor. Joel, KB9RH complimented the newsletter editor, Vic, WB9UZA, on doing a nice job of combining the two club newsletters. Also noted that the main Allen County Library has a large, 3 panel, display that changes monthly, with info on various community activities. He suggested we try to get it for November, and do one panel for ACARTS, one for Fort Wayne Radio Club, and one for the hamfest. The board thought it was a great idea, and asked him to see if it was available for this coming November and to request it if it was.

A motion to close was presented by N9NNT and seconded by KA9LTV at 8:35 PM.



Submitted by Don Gagnon, WB8HQS

Editor's note: There were no ACARTS April General Meeting minutes since it was the spring banquet.

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addition, unexpired CSCEs for Elements 4A and 4B together still confer credit for the new Element 4 (Amateur Extra written).

"On the other hand, an unexpired CSCE for the Advanced Element 4A by itself will earn, at most, a hearty handshake," explains Price, an experienced VE who's been helping to handle the backlog of inquiries. "Element 4A is no good without Element 4B."

Summary of VE Paper Session

- by Bill Hall WD9HII

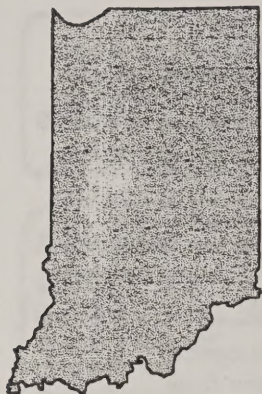
As lots of folks know there was a special paper only VE Session on Monday evening April 17. It was specifically designed to accommodate those hams holding CSCE's for the upgrading of licenses under the rules that went into effect April 15.

Sixty two (62) persons were there at the appointed hour. Two hours, forty five (2:45) minutes later, the last one through the line meant that there are 34 new Generals, 27 Extras, and 1 Advanced that could exercise new privileges on the airwaves.

The paperwork was audited, copied and mailed to W5YI on Thurs. April 20. However candidates may not see their new licenses for several weeks yet. According to a recent ARRL bulletin, it is estimated that there have been in excess of 10,000 license modifications filed. From what has been observed on FCC and QRZ data bases the average daily posting is running about 500 per day. Thus it could take a little longer than usual to see the results.

The Fort Wayne W5YI VE Team would like to go on record as expressing their thanks to all in attendance that evening for their patience. It was a long and tedious evening. Thanks much!

The next test session is to be held Saturday May 6, 9:00 a.m. at the Georgetown branch of the Fort Wayne/Allen County Library. There will not be any other local opportunities until Saturday August 5, 2000.



INDIANA QSO PARTY

Crossroads 2000

Sponsored by:

Land of Lakes Amateur Radio Club

May 6th: 1400 Z To May 7th: 2300 Z

Categories: Single Operator, Multi-Operator, Club Station, VHF-UHF

MODES: Any Amateur Radio Mode. Fixed stations may be worked once per mode on each band. Mobiles may be worked once per mode on each band every time they change counties. Repeaters may be used for contact coordination but not for point credit.

EXCHANGE: Indiana stations—Signal report and county. Other stations send—Signal report, State, Canadian Province, or Country.

SCORING: Phone contacts count 2 QSO points, other modes count 3 QSO points. Indiana stations multiply QSO points by total of Indiana counties + states + provinces + countries worked. Stations outside of Indiana multiply the total QSO points by the number of Indiana counties worked.

SUGGESTED FREQS:

CW: 3539, 3739, 7035, 7115, 14045, 21045, 21120, 28045, 28120

PHONE: 1860, 3890, 7280, 14285, 21385, 28400, 50.14, 144.215, 432.120

AWARDS: Certificates will be awarded for First, Second, and Third place in each category, in each State, Province, and Country. A participation award will be issued to every station making at least 20 Indiana contacts. Prizes will be awarded to the top three overall scorers in and outside of Indiana. First and Second place prizes will be awarded for the VHF-UHF category operators.

Send logs with SASE to Sharon Brown, 905 W. Parkway Dr., Pleasant Lk, IN 46779. Questions or comments may be directed to Larry Wheeler, W9QR at lwheeler@mindspring.com or at 219-238-4733. Logs must be received by 6/11/2000.

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financial support that keeps the club and its activities alive.

Don't forget the club's Spring banquet is on the 12th of May, which is the **second** Friday of the month, due to the first day of Dayton Hamvention falling on the third Friday of the month. The club will provide drinks and place settings. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite dish. Nancy Nall of the News-Sentinel is the featured speaker. The Banquet will begin at **6:30 PM**.

See you there and talk to you on the air! 73, Steve.

PS- Congratulations to everyone that did the upgrade! For those still working on it, keep it up, it will be worth the effort!

FCC To Generals: Advanced Subbands Are Off Limits

from *The ARRL Letter* – The FCC says a lot of newly upgraded General class licensees have begun asking if they may operate in the current Advanced class subbands now that the new amateur rules are in place. "The answer is: Absolutely not," said the Bill Cross, W3TN, of the FCC's Public Safety and Private Wireless Division. "No privileges changed for any license class."

Cross pointed out that the Advanced class license did not cease to exist under restructuring, which went into effect April 15, although the FCC no longer accepts applications for Novice or Advanced class licenses. He said current Generals do not earn Advanced class privileges until they upgrade to Amateur Extra class, at which point they earn both Advanced and Extra privileges.

The FCC also says General class operators may hold only Group C (1x3) or Group D (2x3) call signs, as it was under the old rules. Generals are not entitled to apply for or hold Group B (2x2) call signs under the new rules.

[Editor's note: The ARRL has issued a correction on the above paragraph: Some General class operators licensed in US territories have held call signs in this format for many years and may continue to do so. Current Generals may only apply for Group C (1x3) or Group D (2x3) vanity call signs, however. Group B call signs are reserved for Advanced and higher class licensees.]

Cross cautioned newly upgraded licensees to check the revised Part 97 rules carefully to make sure they're not operating beyond their privileges. "Now that they've gotten the license, it's time to look at the real rules," he said.

Amateurs further are reminded that in order to apply for up-

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Silent Keys

SILENT KEY Esther Newman Clifton, W9PFO

Esther Newman Clifton died on 1 March 2000. She was born on 14 Sept. 1910 in Blackford County IN. She graduated from the Montpelier High School at the age of 16 As a Honor Student. Upon moving to Fort Wayne, she was employed as a secretary at the General Electric Company. In 1933 she married Ted K. Clifton.

Esther was a member of an all girl orchestra, called "Rainbow Girls". She served as Girl Scout leader of the Fort Wayne Children's Home. Esther also served several years as president of the Washington Township School. As a member of the Eastern Star she was a past matron. Esther was a member of the Crescent Community Home Ec.

She was active as a Radio Amateur with the Federal Issued call of W9PFO and member of the Fort Wayne Radio Club. Additional hobbies were working Crossword Puzzles and Genealogy. She was a member of the DAR. A life member of the Royal Order of the Crown of Charlemagne of USA through Gov. Jeremiah Clarke.

Esther was the mother of three children, son Paul K. a daughter Carmen K. both deceased. A son Jon David, grandsons James N. Chad Elder of Fort Wayne and Paul Kenneth Clifton of Salisbury, NC. Benjamin and Edward Wellman of Tucson, AZ Granddaughter Mary Elder of Ft. Wayne. Two nieces Kay Rains of Portland, OR. and Sedonna Roush of Marion, IN. A great grandson. Jon Jeffery Clifton and 3 great granddaughters, Brianna, Maya and Nora Elder.



SILENT KEY Bill Easterday, N9YGY

submitted by Don Evilsizor

E. William "Bill" Easterday with amateur call sign of N9YGY collapsed after mowing his yard Saturday morning, April 22, 2000 at his home in South Whitley.

He was taken to the Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City where he was pronounced dead at 10:50 AM.

Bill was born February 6, 1930 in Washington Township, Allen County, Indiana. His formative years were spent in Fort Wayne attending Washington Grade School and graduated from Central High School in 1948.

After completing his education he was employed by the U.S. Rubber Company and enlisted in the U. S. Navy Reserves. In 1951 he was called into active duty, serving during the Korean War.

Following his discharge from the Navy, he returned to the U.S. Rubber Company and in 1956 began his employment with the U.S. Postal Service. In 1980 he moved to South Whitley where he served as the postmaster for 12 years, retiring in 1992.

On October 11, 1952 he was united in marriage to Marilyn R. Craig. He is survived by his wife, five sons, Michael W., Larry C., Don W., Robert W. and Timothy K. Easterday.

He served with the Boy Scouts for 20 years in Fort Wayne and South Whitley. He was also a member of the American Legion and the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club. Mr. Easterday also served on the South Whitley Planning Commission.

Bill was a ham radio operator any club would be proud to have as one of its members. He could be counted upon to come through with difficult tasks and often amazed us younger hams with his energy and determination on getting things done.

He had just recently returned from his annual winter stay in Texas. We all welcomed him back at the last WCARC meeting on Thursday, April 20th. In fact he sat beside me at this meeting and was starting to relate some of his experiences for the past year.

I know in past years he performed volunteer work at one of the great national parks near Brownsville Texas. Even at this final club meeting he was offering his time to help our radio club in an upcoming event.

I spotted the N9YGY packet radio beacon on this past Sunday evening and sent a message to his mail box. Little did I know at the time it was a message Bill would never read! Later that evening Roger/N9QCL called me on the telephone and related a similar experience on packet radio.

When Roger connected to the N9YGY packet station and greeted who he thought to be our Bill, it turned out to be his son, Don Easterday/KF9TH who related the very sad news. Three of Bill's sons are licensed ham radio operators.

Again Bill Easterday a Silent Key at age 70.

Willem's Story Puts Family In Media Headlights

from *The ARRL Letter*, 4/14/00 – The van Tuijl family—Jacco, KH2TD, Jannie, KH2TE, and 13-year-old Willem—is getting its “15 minutes of fame.” Their story has been featured in major newspapers and on national television. It's set to be highlighted again in an upcoming edition of *People* magazine (April 24 edition). While the story has been a public relations bonanza for Amateur Radio, the close and rather private van Tuijl family is not especially comfortable being in the spotlight.

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Media attention built this week with a segment on ABC's 20/20 news magazine. The Wednesday night program recounted—in TV's typically compressed fashion—the events that led to the pirate attack on the family's sailboat off Honduras and Willem's dire injuries when he was shot by the intruders.

In addition to interviews with the parents, the ABC report included interviews with Ed Petzolt, K1LNC, and Dr Jim Hirschman, K4TCV, who assisted the van Tuijls via ham radio the night of March 28, and with ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, who arranged for Willem to come to

the US for medical treatment. It also included audio segments provided by Frank Moorhus, AA2DR.

“We didn't want to do this at all,” Jacco van Tuijl said of the ABC piece. But van Tuijl said the family was led to believe that ABC would mention the Willem Fund, and that softened their reluctance. The fund was established through Haynie's business office to assist the family in dealing with Willem's current and future expenses. “So we had the idea we were doing this for Willem, and they didn't do that, which disappointed me really.”

For his part, Willem wasn't too excited about being on national TV or about the magazine segment itself, his father said. Willem, he reported, considered the report a bit too melodramatic for his

tastes. van Tuijl said he and his wife missed the broadcast because they got lost in Dallas. They saw it on tape later, and they agreed with their son's assessment.

van Tuijl returned to his sailboat in Honduras with the ABC crew to tape part of the segment. He says he stayed aboard the boat rather than in the hotel room ABC had reserved. “I was not ready to give a whole lot to this,” he said. “They wanted to take the boat out sailing, and I just said, ‘No, I'm just not going to do that.’”

The story also appears on the 20/20 Web site at http://www.abcnews.go.com/onair/2020/2020_000412_pirates_feature.html. The family's calamity also will be detailed in *Cruising World* magazine.

On Thursday, Willem—who suffered kidney and spinal cord damage in the shooting and likely will never be able to walk—was transferred from Children's Medical Center to a rehabilitation facility—Our Children's House—at Baylor University. He could be there for two months.

“He's doing fine. He's recovering really quick,” van Tuijl said. But he said Willem has not really come to grips with the long-term implications of his injuries. van Tuijl said the family's insurance covers Willem's medical expenses as long as he's still in the US. Those benefits will end if and when the family returns to The Netherlands, however.

In the meantime, van Tuijl said he expects to retrieve his sailboat—Hayat—from Honduras and sail it—with the help of a friend or two—to the US, probably Florida.

“Eventually, I think we have to go back to the Netherlands, but we also maybe would like to stay in the States,” he said, framing the family's dilemma. He acknowledged the huge obstacles to remaining in the US, but he said the best rehab facilities and opportunities for his son are here.

“We just want the best for Willem,” he said.

Donations are invited to the Willem Fund, c/o Southwest Bank, 1603 LBJ Freeway, Suite 100, Dallas, Texas 75234; 214-243-7900. (The Willem Fund is not an ARRL activity.)

Regional Hamfests

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Phone</u>	<u>URL or E-mail</u>
19-21 May 2000	Dayton, OH	937-849-0604	wt8w@arrl.org
4 Jun 2000	Princeton, IL	937-849-0604	http://www.qsl.net/w9mks
11 Jun 2000	Wabash, IN	219-833-7372	wial@netusa1.net
11 Jun 2000	Wheaton, IL	630-963-4922	http://cyberconnect.com/orion/smcc.html
18 Jun 2000	Crown Point, IN	219-696-8324	terpstra@netnitco.net
18 Jun 2000	Monroe, MI	734-457-4977	email: pandora@tdi.net
8 Jul 2000	Indianapolis, IN	317-257-4050	http://www.indyhamfest.com
9 Jul 2000	Bowling Green, OH	419-354-1811	http://www.wcnet.org/cluborgan
22 Jul 2000	Cincinnati, OH	513-541-6935	http://www.qsl.net/k8sch
5 Aug 2000	Columbus, OH	614-846-7790	kb8kpj@cs.com
6 Aug 2000	Angola, IN	219-475-5897	sharon.l.brown@gte.net
13 Aug 2000	Greentown, IN	765-668-4814	ka6nqwnick@netusa1.net

For more complete information go to <<http://www.acarts.com/hamfests.htm>>.

VEC Schedule

NOTE: ARRL-VEC to charge for code tests: Starting with the inception of the new FCC Amateur Radio licensing rules on April 15, 2000, the ARRL-VEC will charge a test fee of \$6.65 to take the Element 1 (5 WPM Morse code) test. Until April 15, the 5 WPM Morse code test (Element 1A) and/or the Novice written test (Element 2) are free at ARRL-VEC test sessions.

06-May-2000

Sponsor: BLOOMINGTON ARC INC

Time: 12NOON (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: MILLARD H QUALLS

(812)332-0074

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: FIRST BAPTIST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - LIBRARY

2420 E 3RD ST

BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401

06-May-2000

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: WILLIAM C HALL

(219)485-3995

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY, GEORGETOWN BRANCH

6600 E STATE BLVD

COMMUNITY ROOM

FORT WAYNE, IN 46815

06-May-2000

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 09:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: PEGGY COULTER

(765)288-0481

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: CIVIL DEFENSE BUILDING

SW CORNER STATE RD 3 & 100 N

NEW CASTLE, IN 47362

13-May-2000

Sponsor: PORTER COUNTY ARC

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: WILLIAM PETERSON

(219)762-2887

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

1401 W PORTER AVE

CHESTERTON, IN 46304

15-May-2000

Sponsor: OWEN COUNTY ARA

Time: 7:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: KATHRYN J SMITH

(812)829-2140

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: SPENCER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

110 SOUTH MONTGOMERY

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SPENCER, IN 47460

16-May-2000

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: TERRY L MILLER

(765)457-2449

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: UAW LOCAL 1166

2761 N 50 EAST RD

KOKOMO, IN 46902



19-May-2000

Sponsor: LAKE COUNTY ARC

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: CHARLES SUFANA

(219)923-8308

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

2201 AZALEA DR

HIGHLAND, IN 46322

20-May-2000

Sponsor: MID STATE ARC

Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: DAVID A WENDT

(317)881-6531

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: JOHNSON COUNTY EMERGENCY OPS

CENTER IN BASEMENT

1100 HOSPITAL RD

WENDT@INDY.NET

FRANKLIN, IN 46131

27-May-2000

Sponsor: W5YI-VEC — WHITLEY COUNTY ARC

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: HENRY R MACKEY

(219)244-7735

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location:

CALL FOR SITE LOCATION

COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

27-May-2000

Sponsor: TARS

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: TERRY L BROOKS

(812)421-9135

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

LOCATED INSIDE RED CROSS BLDG

111 DIAMOND AVE

TBROOKS@SIGECOM.NET

EVANSVILLE, IN 47708

27-May-2000

Sponsor: HANCOCK COUNTY ARC

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROBERT W SIMCOX

(317)861-9621

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: SHERIFF'S BUILDING

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CENTER

123 E MAIN ST

GREENFIELD, IN 46140



For Sale

- PC Hardware: Linksys Ethernet 5-port Workgroup Hub for 10 Mbps (10baseT) data transfer. Sold for \$40 will sell for \$27
- PC Hardware: HP mini tower computer case with a bank of 3 full size slide-out drive bays. Includes build in 3.5 inch floppy drive, and 250 watt ATX power supply. \$30
- PC Hardware: 56K Winmodem \$10
- PC Hardware: PC 15" Monitor - Mitsubishi Diamond Pro 15FS SVGA monitor - works fine. \$25
- PC Software: Email software Eudora Pro version 3 \$8
- PC Software: PC FIREWALL Software - Norton's Internet Security is a must for anyone with an "always on" internet connection. Works GREAT. Recently bought for \$55 will sell for \$35.
- PC Software: Print Shop Deluxe version 6 software, which includes 6 CD's of clickart. \$15
- Cell Phone: Nokia 252 analog cell phone with 1 NiCd and 1 NiMH battery pack, AC charger, mobile snap-in mount with charger, microphone, speaker, and thru-the-glass antenna. The mobile mount alone sells for \$150. Will sell entire package for \$125

Don Gagnon WB8HQS 219-484-3317,
don.gagnon@home.com



- Diamond F22A 2-meter vertical antenna. Like new condition. It is plastic, stainless, and aluminum. Doesn't rust. \$65.00
- Kenwood TS430S HF transceiver with Shure 444 desk mike. Refurbished by Kenwood 1.5 years ago. Never run mobile. \$575.00

Gary Sturm N9IJB rrradioman@fwi.com



- Yaesu 767GX transceiver. Has HF-2Meter-6Meter-432Modules all mode on all bands! also has pre-amp-auto antenna tuner-filters and tone board installed. It has every option installed available for this rig! Comes with

hand mike-original box and manual. Asking \$1200.00 (may take partial trade) Looks good works good.

- Icom 271H 100 watt 2 meter all mode works great! Asking \$550.00

If interested please contact Willie K9WJ at 219-724-4721 or bolin@decaturnet.com

NOTE: For Sale & Wanted items will be listed for 2 months only unless the ad is resubmitted. If you sell an item the first month, please contact the editor so the item can be removed. Thank you.

Field Day 2000 Pins Now Shipping

from *The ARRL Letter*—Field Day participation pins are available and shipping! ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, says the pins proved so

popular last year that they are now a regular part of Field Day. To "earn" a pin, all you need to do is participate in Field Day. There is no minimum number of contacts to achieve or ARRL sections to work. The pin is for anyone active in helping to make Field Day happen—from the set-up crew and on-the-air operators to the covered-dish organizers and generator crew. Field Day pins are \$5 each. Clubs and groups are encouraged to purchase their pins together. Send orders with payment to Field Day Pin Order, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111, or contact Dan Henderson, n1nd@arrl.org or 860-594-0232. Credit card orders are accepted.



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graded volunteer examiner privileges or for a vanity call sign reflecting new license status, a licensee first must have been issued an upgraded license grant by the FCC. Interim privileges conveyed by a Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination—or CSCE—are insufficient for these purposes.

Revised FCC Part 97 rules are available on the ARRL Web site at <http://www.arrl.org/field/regulations/news/part97/>.

The FCC this week released the Errata to its December 30, 1999, Report and Order on restructuring. The Errata incorporate minor errors contained in the original R&O and already made in the version of the new rules that appeared in The Federal Register earlier this year.

Membership Application for ☐ FWRC - or - ☐ ACARTS (check one)

Name: _____ Call sign: _____ License class: _____

Street address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____-4 Phone #: (____) _____-_____ Unlisted? ☐ YesEmail address: _____ ARRL Member? ☐ Yes

Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

Regular membership ☐ \$15.00 / year
 Family membership ¹ ☐ \$21.00 / year
 Student membership ² ☐ \$6.00 / year
 Associate membership ³ ☐ \$15.00 / year

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.
2. K-12 or full time student

A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

Regular membership ☐ \$12.00 / year
 Additional family members ¹ ☐ \$6.00 / year
 Student membership ² ☐ \$6.00 / year
 Associate membership ³ ☐ \$6.00 / year

(New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

3. unlicensed member
4. 9 digit ZIP code required for US bulk mail

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? ☐ Yes ☐ NoBoth clubs now offer email delivery of this newsletter as a (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. How would you like your newsletter delivered? ☐ by email ☐ by snail mail ☐ download from web site.

Please attach a check (number _____) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

Fort Wayne Radio Club
 PO Box 15127
 Fort Wayne, IN 46885

A.C.A.R.T.S.
 PO Box 10342
 Fort Wayne, IN 46851

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send 2 checks to either club.

ACARTS Voice Repeaters

146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority
 147.255 (+) General use / Autopatch priority
 443.800 (+) General use

(All repeaters have autopatch, but 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)

144.390 (s) APRS - wide
 144.970 (s) General use (FWA97) - local
 145.010 (s) General use, NETROM (FWA) - wide
 223.660 (s) BBS use ONLY NETROM (FWA220) - wide

Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

Voice: 146.76/16
 146.94/34
 444.875/449.875
 ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out

Area Traffic Nets

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

IMO: meets nightly at 2330 UTC (6:30 PM) on 146.88

Area Traffic Nets - Continued

Auburn: meets Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sat. at 2300 UTC (6 PM) on 147.015+

21 Repeater Group: meets each Wednesday at 0200 UTC (9 PM) on 147.150

Miscellaneous Nets

Huntington ARES: Sat/Tues at 0100 UTC (8 PM) on 146.685

Portside: 3rd Wednesday at 0030 UTC (7:30 PM) on 444.300

Whitley Co./ARES: Wednesdays at 0015 UTC (7:15 PM) on 145.270
 -(Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)Whitley Co. Sunday: Sundays at 0045 UTC (7:45 PM) on 444.550 +.
 (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

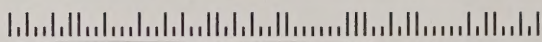
Sloppy Code Net: Sundays at 0200 UTC (9 PM) on 40M (7.1405 MHz). This CW net's purpose is to build confidence and help increase code speed. The speed is generally 1-10 WPM. If you want to copy only contact Henry, KA9ZNN at 749-8968 for details..

Six Meter AM net (informal): Every Saturday night at 7:00 pm on 50.580 MHz. Intercom on 146.430 simplex.

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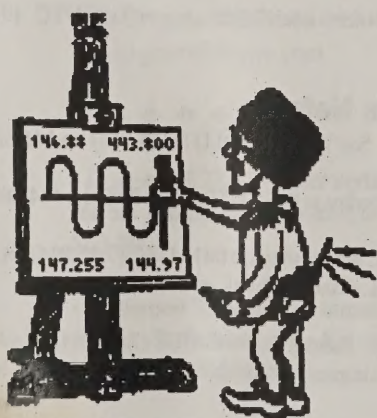
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